

WEST WINDSOR PLANNING COMMISSION

Draft Minutes

May 13, 2010

Present: Hal Pyke, Elvin Kaplan, Al Keiller, Barbara Truex, Jason Rasmussen, Martha Harrison

1. Call to Order – Chair Hal Pyke called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.
2. Changes or Additions – None
3. West Windsor Town Plan: Review Chapter 5 (Education) – The Planning Commission reviewed the draft of Chapter 5 and made minor revisions. The PC agreed to note the school's capacity at the end of the second paragraph. Jason suggested mentioning the septic capacity in Chapter 3 as well. The PC talked about Vermont's low student-teacher ratios. Review Chapter 6 (Recreation): The PC made minor editorial and grammatical changes to Chapter 6. Jason said the Upper Valley Trails Alliance has a trail finder program and will train volunteers to use GPS units to map trails and upload them into an on-line mapping system. Jason said the town could choose to upload public trails only. Martha said she received an email from Cathy Boedtger cautioning the PC against publicizing trails on private property. Jason agreed that publicizing private trails can cause problems. The PC moved the sentence about creating a funding source for the purchase of trail easements to the "Recommendations" section of chapter 6. There was brief discussion about whether recreational use qualifies a property for the Use Value Appraisal program. Jason said he thinks recreation can be a secondary use for a property in the program. Martha said she read the criteria for the Use Value Appraisal program and didn't see how it would fit into this chapter. Review Chapter 8 (Transportation): Barbara asked if we have to include the average daily traffic chart. Jason said it can be helpful but it does not have to be included. The PC decided to include the chart. The PC talked about whether to refer to Route 44 as Main Street and decided against it. The PC talked about the need for a sidewalk from Seems Road to the Post Office. Jason mentioned the possibility of getting a Transportation Enhancements grant. Martha said applying for an Enhancements grant is a lot of work. Maps: Jason asked about the location of the proposed half-acre district. Martha said it's the area within 1,000 feet of the sewer line. The PC said they want the future land use map to look like the current zoning map.
4. Schedule next meeting – The PC will review the remaining chapters on May 19th at 6:30 PM.
5. Adjourn – **Al made a motion to adjourn at 2:22 PM. Elvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison